

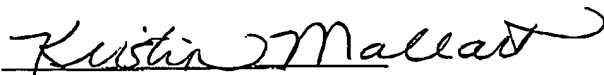
REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to the amendment which was filed February 25, 2002, asserting that the amendments to the specification and claims do not comply with 37 CFR 1.173(b). Applicants respectfully submit a replacement "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made" to replace the Version at pages 12-13 of that amendment. The newly submitted version includes brackets and underlining as requested by the Examiner. Applicants also submit replacement FIG. 3, changing the term "cord" to "chord," having the word "Amended" under "Fig. 3" as also requested by the Examiner.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that claims pending 1-35 appropriately define the claimed subject matter and respectfully request issuance of a patent containing these claims. If any additional issues remain to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned. Applicants believe that no fees are due, but if mistaken, please charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Order Account No. 11-0855.

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